

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 462 - SB 524**

February 25, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to promulgate rules to adopt and implement books and appropriate curriculum for American Sign Language to satisfy the foreign language requirement.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$25,600/FY17-18  
\$4,300/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- The subject of American Sign Language will be reviewed once every six years beginning in FY17-18.
- Based on information from the SBE, the SBE will require three educator advisory teams for a total of 20 educators receiving a stipend of \$500 each and one lead educator receiving a stipend of \$1,000 for curriculum review.
- The increase in state expenditures for stipend payments is estimated to be \$11,000 [(20 x \$500) + (1 x \$1,000)].
- Members of the educator advisory teams will incur reimbursable travel costs estimated to be \$200 per day for an estimated three days.
- The increase in state expenditures for travel is estimated to be \$12,600 (21 advisory team members x \$200 x 3 meetings).
- The advisory teams will incur an additional cost associated with conducting three meetings estimated to be \$2,000.
- The total increase in state expenditures for FY17-18 is estimated to be \$25,600 (\$11,000 + \$12,600 + \$2,000).
- State expenditures estimated to be \$25,600 will occur once every six years; however, it is reasonably assumed that annual appropriations sufficient for accommodating these expenditures once every six years will be made from the General Fund. As a result, the recurring increase in state expenditures beginning in FY18-19 is estimated to be \$4,266 (\$25,600 / 6-year period).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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